GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:484
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EAST WEST CORRIDOR
Bwiswmuthiary Shri Sansuma Khunggur

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to retain the original alignment for the proposed East-West Corridor (Express Highway) between Siliguri in West Bengal and Shrirampur in Assam (through NH-41 (C);

(b) if so, the details of the actions taken so far in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c) It is presumed that the Hon`ble member is referring to NH-31 and NH-31 (c) and not NH-41(c).

The survey and investigation work along the original alignment of NH-31 & NH-31C has been carried out to retain the existing alignment for the East - West Corridor Project between Siliguri in West Bengal and Shrirampur in Assam. Ministry of Environment and Forest have raised some objections on this alignment since a part of this alignment is passing through pristine forest area. The matter is under examination.